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- ✓ A Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.
- ✓ Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

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